MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the suggestion of the Director was only approved of or whether Government had to give any suggestions ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director suggested it and Government approved it.

Improvement of irrigation tanks in Kizhuvalom pakuthi.

26. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Kizhuvalom *pakuthi*, Chirayinkil taluk, regarding improvement of irrigation tanks in that *pakuthi* ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in that matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) ; (*a*) No. But the Division Officer, Irrigation Division, has received a petition.

(*b*) Investigation is being conducted.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know from the member whether the Division Officer, Irrigation Division, has visited the *pakuthi* ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I cannot tell you that ; but I can tell you this that investigation is being made for restoring the tanks by the Sub-Division Officer of the Irrigation Division.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Then what is meant by saying that the investigation was being conducted without the receipt of any petition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I did not say that he did not receive any petition. What I said was I do not know if the Irrigation Division Officer had visited the *pakuthi*.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : My question is whether he has investigated a petition received from the inhabitants of Kizhuvalom *pakuthi*.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The question was " Had the Division Officer visited the *pakuthi* ? " ; and my answer was "I do not know."

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Then may I know what he meant by saying that investigation is being conducted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Investigation is being conducted by the Sub-Division Officer.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know whether any investigation is being conducted with regard to the Kizhuvalom *pakuthi* ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, the question was regarding a petition from the inhabitants of that locality and the reply was that a petition had been received by the Irrigation Division Officer and investigations are being carried out by a Sub-Division Officer of the Irrigation Division.

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